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## News Release

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## FEDERAL FUNDING ANNOUNCED

**Terlingua, Texas, April 18, 2002**— Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that Study Butte Water Supply Corporation will receive a \$1,623,355 grant through the agency's Rural Utilities Service. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help provide rural areas with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems.

"One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide water and wastewater treatment programs that target public health benefits and provide economic opportunities to America's rural communities," said Daniel. "With lower populations and tax bases than urban areas, rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

The grant funds will be used to make needed improvements to the existing water system. Improvements will include an additional water well, expansion of the water treatment plant, two ground storage tanks and distribution lines, and will serve 83 new connections.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Fort Stockton Local Office at (915) 336-7585, extension 4 or visit our web site at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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